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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain.

SECTION 38, AS AMENDED.

The proposed amendments to the charter of Astoria, as exemplified by the published changes in Section No. (which section, of itself is an actual charter in many essentials) will have to be studied and weighed by the voter. Nothing in the way of time and space that this paper possesses is sufficient for a detailed review of its fifty-seven sub-divisions; and while there are many excellent things in it, there are many items not quite so excellent and which must be ferreted out by the citizen for himself. It is quite worth all the study that will be given it, which will be simply nil as far as the general reading public is concerned. The last provision of sub-division 5, of the amended section, conferring the sole right upon the City of Astoria to own, conduct, operate and engage in the saloon business, to the ousting and denial of any single individual, is enough to damn the whole business, and if all its better elements must be abandoned by its defeat on this sole score, then it were well to defeat it if only to save Astoria from taking this last step in municipal degradation.

THE "SIMPLIFIED" CODE.

The big foot of Congress has been set down heavily upon the President's pet fad of simplified spelling. Here is where the big foot and the big stick clash and we are of the opinion the country as a whole is with the Congress in its flat decision to "pass it up." Teddy is all right in the majority of his ideas and purposes, but we suspect that he has been urging the new scheme of spelling from sheer literary pre-disposition rather than from any official or authoritative impulse. At all events he has gotten a crack squarely between the eyes on this hobby, and we look with interest to see how he will take it. If Congress can cold-bloodedly knock out his dearest foible in the literary realm, and shall administer another gagging dose by puncturing his lofty, aerial Japanese kite at the same sitting, the country will breathe easier for a spell, at least. And this capable, honest, modern man of power and progress can devote his talents to some measures more in harmony with the time and people he is serving. We hate to see Mr. Roosevelt denied anything. He gives so much and spontaneously, and comes so near doing the square thing at all times, that we have no real relish for his defeat in any line, but the consolation is always with us, that he is man enough to realize and recognize the will of his master, the people of America, at the same time he is endeavoring so earnestly and faithfully to do it.

A BIT OF DIPLOMACY.

We are forced to the conclusion that President Roosevelt, in his recent and ardent championship of the Japanese and their supposed claims on this country for conspicuous recognition, is using a bit of diplomacy to obviate the necessity of real and direct concessions, and while maintaining the pose of a chief-executive wholly disposed to grant all that is asked, will

throw the entire matter into Congress where he knows it will be acted on adversely and swiftly. This is all right. Congress can bear the odium of their displeasure, and if it cannot, the country can, and will. The bumpkin little man from the Pacific coast of Asia is entitled to a lot of the good things of this world, but the right of American citizenship, simply as a leverage in exploiting America for the sole and ultimate benefit of Japan, is not his and will not be his, for many a long decade to come. He has advanced with marvelous strides and we hope he will never retrograde an atom in any direction, but he is not altogether "it" yet. The Pacific states of America have a voice in this big issue that will not be downed for all the clamor on either side of the great Pacific.

BUT THREE DAYS REMAIN.

Three days hence the voter in Astoria will be called upon to exercise his great function, for the credit and advantage of his city; and, while there is an unusual absence of broad choice in candidates, or parties, or other elements of selection it is perfectly reasonable to expect that no voter will forego his right and prestige to be counted, thus showing that he is alive to the exigencies of the hour, and not indifferent to the city nor his own standing, by refraining to cast his vote simply because he thinks it is not needed. It is the better part of citizenship, always to employ one's electoral rights, if only to show the spirit of endorsement and a knowledge of what is going on. And the full cumulative vote always redounds to the credit of a community, as indicating that all her citizens are alive to what is passing in their interest. And, on Wednesday next, it is not only that Hon. Herman Wise is to be re-elected mayor; that Chas. H. Abercrombie is to be elected as city attorney; and three councilmen to be sent up for service, but there are fifteen amendments to the organic law of the city to be adopted, or rejected, and this point, of itself, is ample warrant for the polling of the largest possible municipal vote. Let no man neglect his franchise!

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

Don't scoff at the souvenir post card craze. It has been given the endorsement and hearty approval of Postmaster General Cortelyou, and as a matter of fact furnishes the government with a most profitable form of mail matter. In order to keep the profitable fad from dying out, the postal service has issued an order providing that all such cards may bear written messages on the front, the right half of the card being reserved for the address, and with sufficient postage they will be transmitted under the post card rates to foreign countries. The order goes into effect March 1, 1907, and the post cards will be treated alike in both the domestic and international mails.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Everywhere people are burning a mistake. Professor Charles E. Bessey, in the Nebraska State Journal, says: "Don't burn your leaves, if you have a lot on which you grow flowers of any kind. Leaves contain a great deal of valuable food matter for growing plants. Put the leaves in a close pile in some corner of your lot, put a few boards or sticks on the pile to keep the leaves from blowing away. By spring most of the leaves will be well rotted and you will have a lot of the best 'leaf mould' you ever saw for your potted plants. Leaves are too valuable to be burned. You might as well burn up your manure pile as to burn your leaves."

The newspaper is for everybody and hence must publish something for everybody. If you see something which is of little interest to you, remember that there are others and that the entire paper is not printed especially for you. The very thing that is dull and uninteresting to you may be the one thing in the paper for some other readers. There are whole pages in the daily papers that are of no interest to us, but they are to others. A paper which contained nothing but such matter that would interest any one or another of us would have a limited number of readers. There are many people of many minds.

The day of the old-fashioned buckwheat cake is passing. In its place comes one of much lighter hue and of different flavor. This is due in great measure to the reducing of the buckwheat flour with wheat flour. While many people prefer the lighter cake, they also prefer to do their own adulterating.

A PIANO \$135

IT'S SECOND HAND, BUT A GOOD ONE—COME IN AND SEE OTHER SNAPS—IT WILL PAY YOU.

If you expect to own a piano soon, and if saving money is any object to you, then look these bargains up before the coming week is gone.

We do not take valuable space in a paper to tell about any piano that isn't a bargain, and an instrument people will want. The kind that are not bargains are always sold without newspaper advertising. When we advertise to you, it means that we want quick sales, and to awaken interest we offer inducements for quick buys.

The fact that we sell most of our pianos by means of public announcements in newspapers proves that we know what the people want, and have got it and sell at the right price.

What more could you ask from your piano dealer than we can give you?

We don't expect everyone to like us, or our goods but we would like to have even the most skeptical bargain hunter see a Bailey upright piano in a handsome oak case, that we intend selling the coming day or two, at first cost, because it has been sold once. If not this Bailey, then another one in a fancy mahogany would merit your approval. If not a used piano, then some piano or other from among the new Baileys, Kimballs, Schumanns, Haddorfs, Clarendons and the balance of the stock, would settle the piano question in your own mind and you would likely decide to go without a piano no longer.

What's the use of going without a piano any longer, anyhow, when you can let us do the waiting, on our easy payment plan? Five dollars up per month.

EILERS PIANO HOUSE,
424 Commercial St.
Ward & Cyrus Salesmen.

When leaves are baked in too hot an oven, and the outside crust gets too brown, do not attempt to cut it off but as soon as the head is cold rub it over with a coarse tin grater.

If the Brussels rug persists in rolling up at the edges, turn it over and apply a good coat of glue. Let it dry before turning and you will not be troubled any more.

From the etiquette department of a western paper: "When a lady and gentleman are walking in the street the lady should be inside of the gentleman."

Adam and Eve fell in love at first sight and raised Cain. The divorce courts signify that their descendants have been raising Cain ever since.

A Chicago man winked and nodded at a young lady and she has sued him for breach of promise. Her father must be an auctioneer.

As an inducement for men to marry ugly and crippled women, prizes are offered yearly in the town of Haschmann, Germany.

Genuine beauty includes a beautiful heart, a beautiful mind and a beautiful life. Angels can aim no higher than that.

Patent leather shoes should be cleaned with milk, or a little sweet oil may be rubbed into them.

WHAT'S

worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be well cured. A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles, and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navasota, Texas, writes: "I have used Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house." Harts Drug Store.

As soon as the child is done nursing apply Chamberlain's Salve. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the child to nurse. Many trained nurses use this with the best results. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Frank Hart, and Leading Druggists.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea purifies the blood, strengthens the nerves, regulates the bowels, aids the kidneys, cures stomach troubles, builds up the nervous force and repairs the ill effects of over eating. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. For sale by Frank Hart.

Poley's Honey and Tar Cures the most obstinate coughs and expels the cold from the system, as it is mildly laxative. It is guaranteed. Do not risk taking any but the genuine in the taking any but the genuine in the yellow package.



Signs of Approaching Yuletide

is reflected in every department of our establishment. Visitors to Portland are invited to make our store your headquarters, where every convenience is at your service. Let us help you make your holiday selections from our Clothing Department, Hats or Furnishings. We are prepared with special offerings suitable for Xmas gifts.

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Richer store of things desired;
Than this my space,
Will show apace,
Before Christmas has transpired.

Watch It!
HOEFLER'S

The Astorian 60c month.